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Re:

Application of Masayoshi TAKAHASHI and Yoshitaka YAMAMOTO

MAKING GAS HYDRATE UTILIZING ULTRAFINE BUBBLES AND

ULTRA-PARTICULATE GAS HYDRATE

Assignee: : NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL

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Our Ref. Q79574

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising 14 sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, 6 sheets of drawings, a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	18 - 2	20 =	x	\$18.00	=	\$.00
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Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$40.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u> <u>Application No</u> <u>Filing Date</u>

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The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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